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James M. Hair III, et al  
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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.313(b)(5), filed December 8, 2000, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(3) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee. See 1233 Official Gazette 54 (April 11, 2000).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is hereby withdrawn from issue in favor of a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 CFR 1.53(d).

***Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on November 27, 2000 in the parent application is not refundable nor can it be applied towards any new Notice of Allowance which may issue on the CPA filed December 8, 2000.***

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-8680.

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 2873 for processing of the CPA.

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